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## Petersburg To Incorporate

Our neighboring town, Petersburg, is desirous of incorporating, and as practically everybody in the place is in favor of the move, there is every probability that the matter will go through. The notices for a hearing have been posted, and the expectations are that early in November the matter will be settled. At this time the business men and concerns of the place are paying between four and five thousand dollars per year to the government in licenses, none of which is returned, except the thousand or fifteen hundred which the government pays for the keep of the school there. The result is that any public improvement has to be paid for by public subscription, throwing the load on a very few. This condition would be removed if incorporation is effected, and the load more equally distributed.

Sam Kincaid has gone into the plumbing and pipe-fitting business. You will do well to call on him if you have need of anything in that line, for Sam is a first class mechanic.

## Gov. Clark's Speech

### Upon Taking the Oath of Office Last Friday Afternoon Makes Strong Plea for Unity

#### Installing Wireless Machine

Instructions arrived this week for Messrs. Johnston and Foote, the wireless force, to go ahead with the installation of the new machinery which arrived by a recent boat. A concrete foundation is being put in, and immediately that it is in shape to receive it the machinery will be put in position, and then they will be ready for business.

The Challenge brought over some fine totem poles from the West Coast of Prince of Wales Island, for F. Matheson's store. The biggest one is now in place at the corner of the store and should be a drawing card during the tourist season.

The following is the inaugural speech of Alaska's new governor at Juneau, Friday afternoon Oct. 1.

My fellow Alaskans—I come to you just at the close of what is, for Alaska as a whole the season of the greatest activity in the chief industries of the territory. Placer mining operations for the season of 1909, except those which are carried on under the ground in the winter months, have ceased; the principal fisheries have suspended for the year; certain other industries have become either wholly or in part inactive, and will continue so until Spring. It is a good time to reckon our standing.

In announcing my appointment to the governorship, immediately following the regretted resignation of Governor Hoggatt, President Taft publicly stated in generous terms that the appointment was made "on account of the importance of giving special consideration to Alaska with a view of bringing together conflicting interests and permitting the natural development of the country." I feel the added responsibility which this expression of purpose and of confidence has placed upon me. It was in the mind of the President, as now it is firmly lodged in mine, that the era of increased prosperity whose approach we now see in the conditions surrounding Territorial industry and commerce, will surely be hastened by the cessation of factional quarrels. Industrial progress is always disturbed when political factions, are at war. The development of the stupendous resources of Alaska is bound to proceed in any event, but its march may be impeded by various obstacles. I appeal to every patriotic resident of the territory to withdraw, as far as he is concerned, every obstacle which factional rancor and unprofitable political quarrels would seek to put in the way.

I do not mean of course, that we should cease a legitimate warfare against evil doing or that we should fail to expose those who violate the law, however eminent the offenders or however closely their unlawful operations may be related to the purely material development of the territory. The regeneration of civic morals and the reassertion of high standards of business dealing which have been witnessed in the last few years are not needed to carry conviction to every honest mind that an equal opportunity must be afforded within the limit

#### Red Wing Mine Sold

W. B. Hedrick, manager of the Commercial Mining Co., was a passenger on the Uncle Dan last night. He reports that his company has sold their property, the Red Wing Mine, to a Seattle syndicate headed by C. T. Moore. Mr. Hedrick is now on his way to Seattle where the deal will be consummated.

#### Are Bagging Ducks

Judge E. E. Cushman, Marshal Daniel Sutherland and Charles Goldstein, the Juneau merchant, came down on the Dolphin Monday for a duck hunt on the flats. They left on Al, Osborne's launch that afternoon, and as the weather since has been ideal for sport, no doubt they are having the time of their lives.

#### "Uncle John" Bound Over

A pathetic scene was enacted at the court house Tuesday afternoon when "Uncle John" Burtchell was given a preliminary hearing on the charge of supplying an Indian, Dan Lott, with liquor. There was apparently no question about the old man's guilt, and after the examination at which Herbert Lowe and Dan Lott were the witnesses, he was bound over to appear before the grand jury at Ketchikan, his bail being fixed at \$1000.00.

#### Will Finish Catholic Church

The sound of saw and hammer has been heard around the Catholic Church building this week, Harry James having been awarded the contract of finishing up the edifice. The terms of the agreement call for the completion of the building early in December, so the Catholics of the city are looking forward to holding their Christmas services in their own building. The building has a slightly location, and when finished will make a fine church home for the Wrangell congregation.

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## AS TAFT SEES IT

"Local self government or home rule in a country so large as Alaska with a scattered nomadic population, intense local and sectional feeling, should not be given serious consideration until the population and developed resources of the country have increased to such an extent as to warrant the division of the territory into more limited areas where the inhabitants of each would have an opportunity of becoming acquainted, and where there would be some degree of similarity of interests. Before such an experiment, an earnest effort should be made to secure a larger percentage of permanent residents and endeavor to attach some of the population to the soil.

"My own judgement is that the only way properly to develop Alaska for the benefit of everybody in it is to bring the territory under the management of one bureau and department in Washington.

"Certain general laws, like the mining laws, the forestry laws, the customs laws and the land laws, should be passed by congress, and perhaps executed by national officers, but this would leave a wide domain for domestic legislation which, it seems to me, ought to be entrusted to some local authority on the ground and having knowledge of local needs. Of course, if the territory were settled with a permanent population, more or less equally distributed through its extent, such legislative power might be entrusted to an elected legislature, but for the reasons I have given it seems to me that it would be much wiser to entrust this local legislative power to a commission of five or more members, appointed by the president, to act with the governor in the discharge of such legislative functions. It seems wise not to confer legislative functions on the governor alone, but to assist him in its exercise by the addition of competent persons, who will live in the territory, familiarize themselves with its local needs and bring to the attention of congress and the executive such additional legislation as may from time to time be wise."

The above extracts from President Taft's speech at Seattle last week hit the nail squarely on the head, and show conclusively the chief executive's position on the matter. That position is the only one which any thinking man in Southeastern Alaska can entertain logically. The glamor surrounding the words "Home Rule", naturally to the American wherever he may be, but this district would not get the very thing therein specified if Alaska as a whole were given territorial government. Give us a commission by all means, and later if conditions warrant it, divide the territory and give the permanently settled portion, Southeastern Alaska, the right to make her own laws to suit her own conditions.

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of their respective abilities, to rich and poor alike; and that to the one as to the other, a just punishment for wrongdoing must be administered.

Large bodies of capital, though long withheld because of ignorance or distrust of conditions in Alaska, have recently been invested here and should be encouraged here. Within reasonable bounds, moreover, special means should be provided for their encouragement in proportion to the local adverse factors which tend toward their discouragement, or which, in the absence of those special means, absolutely forbid their embarkation. Fair-minded men acknowledge these truths. But does any fair-minded man believe that the administration of William H. Taft will permit any grant or privilege to incorporated capital to be abused if the administration is advised of the abuse? If there are abuses at present, it will be the business of the appointed agents of the administration to find them out and to report them.

There are business operations in this Territory which from their nature can be carried on only by large outlay of money, but there are countless others which can be made profitable by the expenditure of modest means in the hands of men whose chief capital is their in-

telligent capacity for hard work. So far as lies in my limited power, I shall see to it that the one class of operators does not oppress or crowd the other and that it may not be said truly that Alaska is no longer "a poor man's country."

Although in a sense a newcomer, I am not a stranger to you or entirely without information as to the conditions that surround you. There are among us various opinions as to the political future of this Territory and several contrary notions as to its government. I am not yet committed to either of the extreme views pertaining to this problem, and must withhold an expression of opinion until my present information shall have been enlarged. The honest and unselfish advocate of a fully organized territorial form of government in the immediate future will command my respectful attention, and such an advocate will not have cause for quarrel with me unless he is of such intolerant temper as to war with all those who for honest and unselfish reasons may be unable to accept his view. It will likewise be my duty and pleasure to listen attentively to those of our citizens who favor a form of government which falls short of the fully organized territorial form, and even to those who oppose any marked change at present in the existing form. While I hear the expression of these views in all parts of the Territory and while I pursue for myself a conscientious examination of conditions as they appear in the several districts, I bespeak your patience and at the same time invite your hearty co-operation. On this subject of the form of government I am prepared to make only one statement with confidence, in the present state of my knowledge, and that is that there is urgent need for improvement in the existing system of territorial control. I am authorized by the President of the United States to say that the problem of Alaska government is engaging his earnest attention and that at a proper time not distant he will express some views and recommendations on the subject.

Until our political condition is improved let us devote ourselves to temperate discussion of civic matters and to the earnest development of our great natural resources. Until a desired improvement in the form of government is effected we may still hope for continued and perhaps increased federal appropriations for roads, telegraphs, lighthouses, postal communications and other internal improvements, and for means to protect our fisheries.

I shall continue the policy of leaving the appointment of federal officers altogether in other hands, but of discharging to the full in a spirit of earnest co-operation, the obligation placed upon me by the federal statutes "to see that the laws . . . are enforced, and to require the faithful discharge of their duties by the officials appointed to administer the same."

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## CHAPTER II.

JAMES SMITH, superintendent of the Latin-American Steamship company's docks, had arrived in response to the president's summons, conveyed to him by the telephone. Smith, known to his familiars as Jimmy, was a tall, gaunt, angular man, bearing all over him the stamp of westerner. He was, in fact, from Colorado, where he began his active career by engaging in mining. Scant success attended his efforts in this direction, however, and after working with the dogged determination that was one of his traits until even his patience was exhausted he finally entered the employ of the steamship company in whose service he had risen to his present position, with headquarters in New York.

There was something about Smith that caused men, and women also, for that matter, to take to him on sight. The unbounded good nature, big heartedness and unselfishness beaming in his blue eyes and in his whimsical smile were written in every line of his clean shaven face. Another thing that made him remarked by all who came in contact with him was his absolute imperturbability. In all his thirty-seven years of existence he never had been known to "get a move on," not even when a premature blast in a mine had sent the diggers helter skelter for safety and carried death and suffering to many. Smith had walked tranquilly away amid the rain of rock and earth until it was all over. Then he had returned and organized the work of rescue, his placidity causing the others instinctively to look to him for direction. Nor was his speech more hurried than were his movements. He spoke but little, and then his words came in a quiet, even, distinct drawl. But he "got there" as quickly as most men, and a good deal quicker than some whose nerves were highly strung and with whom rapidity of action was as necessary as breathing, for he was possessed of keen powers of observation and common sense, an earnestness of purpose that gave his utterances weight and an integrity

as unshakable as the rock of Gibraltar. As a fitting, almost necessary, complement of such a nature he was endowed with a sense of humor that added not a little to the attraction he exercised for those who knew him sufficiently well to be able to appreciate his qualities of heart and mind.

He took a calm, all embracing survey of the office as he entered, looked over to Brooks' desk and saluted him with a cordial motion of the hand and instructed a boy to notify Captain Williams of his arrival. He was ushered immediately into the chief's presence.

That worthy, who, like his superintendent, was clean shaven, was seated at his desk in his shirt sleeves, and the whole room, despite the wide open windows, was thick from the smoke from an old blackened corn cob pipe at which he was puffing vigorously. He was a burly man, and the short, thick neck, the broad shoulders, the powerful, big jointed fingers and the muscles that stood out in bunches on the hairy arms disclosed by his rolled up shirt sleeves denoted that he possessed unusual physical strength. An ugly man to get into an argument with was Williams, one who, it needed no mind reader to judge, would be capable of following the word with a blow that would crush an ordinary opponent. For years, as Brooks had intimated, he had led the roughest life a man can lead, hammering by sheer brute strength a way to wealth by ways in which scruple had counted for nothing at all and expediency for a good deal, and his entrance upon a higher plane of civilization had not imparted much polish to his appearance, habits or speech, which were those of the old time sailing ship mariner, although of late years he had striven to conform more closely to the examples of refinement he witnessed in the only polite society he cared for, which was that of the family of his dead friend, Stanley Harris, who was general manager of the Latin-American line when he obtained control of it. He had a way of glaring at a person from under his bushy eyebrows with a scrutiny that seemed to read through and up and down him and made him most ill at ease under it.

He made his decisions promptly, authoritatively, after the manner of a man accustomed to command and to be obeyed without question, and he never changed them, at least in his business and administrative dealings. Add to all this a voice like a foghorn, the effect of which, when he raised

# IN FULL

By  
John W. Harding

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EUGENE WALTER,  
Author of "Paid in Full" and "The Easiest Way"

date others who had to do with him, and it will be realized that he lived up fully to his reputation of being a hard man.

For his quiet, unmovable and thoroughly capable dock superintendent he entertained a certain respect. He knew from experience that the man was not the least bit afraid or even disturbed by his bullying manner and his bellowing and that his glare, always squarely met, had no more effect upon him than it would have upon the bronze statue of Washington which stands sentinel on the steps of the treasury in Wall street.

Smith lowered himself slowly and easily into a big armchair beside the president's desk.

"Two delegates from the Longshoremen's union were here just now," announced the captain. "They say the freight handlers are going to strike."

"Ya-as?" said Smith interrogatively.

"Yes. What do you know about it?"

"Nothing, except that they came to me with a demand for higher pay for the men. I referred them to you."

"Well, I didn't leave 'em any loop-hole for doubt as to my position in the matter."

"You turned them down?"

"Turned 'em down! Of course. What do you think? Suppose I handed 'em a raise on a silver platter and bowed 'em out of the door?"

"I don't suppose anything about it. I'm asking for information."

"Them two blatherskites came swaggering and blustering in here and said every last one of the men would quit tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock unless they got 3 cents more an hour. They wasn't swaggering when they went out of here, I tell you. I pretty soon took the starch out of 'em."

A faint smile flitted over the superintendent's face, but he ventured no remark.

"I told 'em," Williams went on, "that I wouldn't give 'em a cent a century more and to strike and be d—d. I also told 'em that any man who did go out would never get another job with this company, and, by Sam, he won't!"

The captain's voice had risen to a roar, and he brought his fist down on the desk with such force that pens and pencils were flying in all directions and the ink splashed from the wells in their solid crystal stand.

"Them labor agitators ain't got no notion of the fitness of things. They ain't got a grasp on economic conditions for a cent. They got to do something to live without working, so every once in awhile they go to the men as pays 'em to be walking delegates, gives 'em some glib talk about their rights and advises 'em to strike for more money. Do they look around and try to find out whether an advance is warranted by the conditions? Nary a look. Do any of the men they hand out their advice to try to find out? Not on your life! They go ahead like a lot of sheep and strike and starve and blame the result on capital."

Smith nodded.

"If they carry out their threat and quit," continued the captain, "you will clear all the strikers from the docks, throw 'em off if necessary, knock their silly blocks off, but tell them as wants to work that full protection will be given. I'll arrange with police headquarters to have a sufficient force of bluecoats on hand to guard our property and will also notify our docks at other ports to be prepared. You will fix up accommodations for the strike breakers in the sheds here until the trouble is over and make arrangements to bring men from the inland cities. In this matter you need spare no expense. Understand?"

"I guess so," replied the superintendent.

"Then it's up to you."  
"Anything else you want to see me about?"

"Not now. You can get in touch with me any time you want me. You know about where I'm to be found."

Smith drew in his long legs, raised himself from the chair and took up his hat to go.

"See here, Smith," said the captain, his voice rising gradually to its fearsome bellow, "it's nigh on to twoscore years since I took my first vessel, the Sally Moran, out of Frisco as master and owner, bound for the south sea islands to trade, and I've commanded my own ship every minute since and held my own against all sorts of lubbers as would have done me and done for me if they could. And do you think I'm going to be dictated to by any white livered gas bag of a crawling delegate who comes here holding a knife to my throat by threatening a turnout without giving me a chance



"Yes, sir, by Sam, sir, like this!"

to meet it if I don't give in to his demands on the spot? No, sir, not by an all-fired sight! No, sir, not in a thousand years! I own this outfit from keel to main peak, and if I can't run it my own way I'll scuttle it and go down with it. Understand? And if any man's looking for a fight with me he'll find me quick enough, and I'll break him, no matter who or what he is. Yes, sir, by Sam, sir, like this!"

Seizing a thick ruler on the desk, he snapped it without apparent effort, and as he sat glaring there with his disheveled hair, his pugnacious, massive underjaw protruding and his big fists tightly clinched on the broken wood, causing the muscles of his arms to bulge like knots on a gnarled tree, he presented the embodiment of might and ferocity.

"I don't know but what you're right, Cap'n Williams," drawled the superintendent with his unchangeable equanimity. "Anyhow, you sure are entitled to do what you like with your own."

He went out and on his way to the office exit stopped at Brooks' desk.

"Well, how's things, boy?" he inquired with an interest so kindly that one might have thought there was nothing else in the world with which his mind was occupied and never could have suspected that there lay before him for immediate solution the problem of preparing for a great strike that threatened to tie up the business of one of the most important steamship lines in the country, with ramifications extending from Boston all around the coast of South America to San Francisco.

"Oh, so, so," answered Brooks. "By the bye, I'd be awful glad if you'd come up to supper tonight. Emma was saying only this morning that we hadn't seen anything of you for a week."

"That's so. I've got to square myself with Emma, though it hasn't been my fault altogether."

"Then we'll expect you to supper?"

"I can't promise, because I've a deal to do between now and this evening, but I'll come if I can."

"So long, Jimmy."

"So long."

And Smith sauntered out to attend to one of the greatest emergencies he had ever been called upon to meet in his life.

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L. R. Milligan, for so long in the employ of the St. Michael Trading Co., has severed his connections with that company, and with his wife will leave on an early boat for Los Angeles, Cal., where they will reside in the future. During their residence of more than four years in Wrangell they have made many friends, who sincerely regret their departure.

Brig. Grant, who has been in the employ of the Columbia Cannery at Haines for the past season, arrived in town this week, and has been renewing old acquaintances. He will leave for Seattle on the Humboldt where he will resume his studies in one of the business colleges there.

Thomas Tamaree, whose jovial features have been considerably distorted of late by a bad attack of toothache, is around again.

Mrs. Fred Wigg and daughter, who had been taking in the sights at the exposition, returned on Monday's steamer.

Chief Shakes' big canoe left for up-river points with a big cargo of freight Monday afternoon.

The tug Challenge arrived over from Klawack Saturday, with quite a crowd of passengers. She will winter here.

The Wiggs-Berkeley logging concern has been out of business this week, owing to an accident to their launch, which resulted in a broken clutch.

The roof was put upon the Lemieux building, back of the Catholic Church, this week. When finished this building will make a first class residence.

That old pipe of yours is fierce, better get a new one from Pat's.

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### Humboldt May Be Fined

Another of the absurdities of maritime law has come to light recently. An investigation of the accident to the Cottage City has been concluded by the British Columbia authorities and it is understood that Captain Baughman will be called upon to pay a fine for having towed the Cottage City in British waters. While there is general regret expressed in Alaska over the fact that, for a simple performance of a humane duty the master of the Humboldt will be called upon to pay a fine, nevertheless it is believed there is but scant possibility of escaping the payment thereof.

### AUCTIONS SALE

Friday afternoon at two o'clock I will offer my household goods for sale at auction.

### L. R. MILLIGAN

S. L. Hogue and wife were local visitors from Petersburg Wednesday. They report business as prosperous at the fish center.

Come out to the auction at the Milligan residence tomorrow afternoon, Friday, Oct. 8. Furniture, dishes, etc. at your own prices.

Capt. Torry is erecting the frame of what promises to be a fine little vessel at "Dad" Inman's shop.

### SUMMONS

In the United States Commissioner's Court, Wrangell Precinct, First Division, District of Alaska.

S. L. HOGUE, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
H. MOSS and EMMA M. CLANAHAN Defendants.

To H. Moss and Emma M. Clanahan: In the name of the United States of America:—You and each of you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled Court and Suit within thirty days from the last publication of this summons, and if you fail so to do, judgement for want thereof will be taken against you as provided for in said complaint.

The relief prayed for in said suit is for the recovery of \$107.73 for merchandise furnished to said Defendants by said plaintiff, and the costs and disbursements of this action.

Done by order of the Court for the Wrangell Precinct, District of Alaska. Made on the 6th day of October 1909.

A. V. R. SNYDER  
U. S. Commissioner, and Ex-Officio Justice of the Peace.

Wm. G. Thomas, attorney for plaintiff.

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### An Early Morning Blaze

What might have been a serious conflagration was narrowly averted Monday morning, when "Bobby Burns" on his way to work discovered that the cabin occupied by Fred Watson, and owned by Al. Osborne, was filled with smoke and on the verge of breaking out into flame.

The fire, apparently of incendiary origin, was started in the wood shed, right up against the side of the house, and before it was discovered had burned out a big section of the floor, and some of the intervening wall. An egg case with part of one side gone and broken up into kindling to start the fire, shows conclusively that it was no accident, especially as there had been no one around or in the house for several days, as Watson, who is working at the dam, sleeps up on the hill.

Patenaude carries the best in Cigars, Tobaccos, Pipes, and Smokers' supplies in general.

"Bennie" Dalzelle, representing Caro & Hooker has been a Wrangell visitor the greater part of the week.

H. H. Nelligan and Miss Edna Coombs, both of Shakan were married Saturday by Judge Snyder.

Wireless Beaman was down from Petersburg yesterday. He reports that the outfit at his station is now in operation, and ready for business.

UMBRELLAS RE-PAIRED  
Second hand Umbrellas for sale apply to S. S. Kincaid.

The Mitchell Brothers, who own the big placer properties near Dees Lake, arrived down the river the latter part of last week. They report a very unsatisfactory season owing to the unprecedented rainy weather of the past summer.

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